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General Notes and Notices.

Semitic Languages.

The following Semitic courses will be given in Yale University during the year 1889-90 by Professor Harper, assisted by Mr. C. E. Crandall, Mr. Geo. S. Goodspeed, and Mr. F. K. Sanders:

I. *Hebrew and the Old Testament.*

(1.) *Genesis i-viii*, including (a) the grammatical principles of the language; (b) acquisition of a vocabulary; (c) translation of English into Hebrew: *five hours* a week, first term.

(2.) *Deuteronomy*, critical translation with (a) review of grammar; (b) study of accents; (c) special exercises in Hebrew prose composition; (d) special study of the principal points of syntax; (e) principles of Hebrew poetry: *four hours* a week, second term.

(3.) *Hexateuchal Analysis*, (a) translation and comparison of the several documents of which the Hexateuch is composed; (b) an examination of the grounds on which the analysis rests: *two hours* a week, second term.

(4.) *Hosea*; *Zechariah*, a textual, grammatical, exegetical and historical study: *two hours* a week, both terms.

(5.) *Old Testament Prophetical Literature*, including (a) critical study of selected prophetic passages; (b) the growth and development of prophecy in the various periods of Hebrew history; (c) the study of prophetic life and methods, prophetic politics, prophetic historiography, prophetic ethics and theology; (d) a comparison of Old Testament prophetic literature with the corresponding literature of other nations: *two hours* a week, both terms.

[Those who take this course will be expected to pass examination on all the prophetical books.]

(6.) *Old Testament Prophetical Literature*, same as course 5, except that a knowledge of Hebrew is not required: *two hours* a week, both terms.

(7.) *The early History and Institutions of the Hebrews*; University lectures: *one hour* a week.

(8.) *Hebrew Readings*: (a) in Kings and Chronicles, *two hours* a week, first term, Mr. Crandall; (b) Isaiah xl-lxvi, *two hours* a week, second term, Mr. Crandall; (c) in Joshua, Judges, Samuel: *three hours* a week, second term, Mr. Sanders.

(9.) *The Book of Judges*: translation and interpretation with discussion of the text, literary form, and historical contents: *ten lectures*, first term, Mr. Sanders.

(10.) *The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah*: translation and interpretation with discussion of the text, literary form and historical contents: *ten lectures*, second term, Mr. Goodspeed.

II. *Assyrian and Babylonian.*

(1.) *Assyrian for Beginners*, including (a) the grammatical principles; (b) study of cuneiform texts in Lyon's *Assyrian Manual*; (c) rapid reading of transliterated texts in same: *two hours* a week, first term.

(2.) *Syllabaries, Historical Inscriptions*, Delitzsch's *Assyrische Lesestuecke*, pp. 53-67, 110-121, II and V Rawlinson : *one hour* a week, second term.

(3.) *Assyrian Creation Account, Deluge Account*, etc., Delitzsch's *Assyrische Lesestuecke*, pp. 93-110 ; with study of Assyrian and Babylonian religion : *one hour* a week, second term.

(4.) *Nebuchadnezzar East India House* (1 R. 53-58 [59-64]) : *two hours* a week, first term.

(5.) *Various Babylonian Inscriptions*, with study of later Assyrian and Babylonian history : *two hours* a week, second term.

III. Arabic, Aramaic, and Ethiopic.

(1.) *Arabic for Beginners*, including (a) the grammatical principles ; (b) translation of Genesis i-iii, and selections from the Kuran : *two hours* a week, first term.

(2.) *Kuran*. Suras written during the sixth to the tenth years of Muhammed's life, 67, 53, 32, 39, 73, 79, 54, 34, 31, 69, 68, 41, 71, 52, etc., twenty-two in all, with special reference to the Scripture material and the Rabbinical and Arabic legends found in the Kuran : *two hours* a week, first term.

(3.) *Arabic Bible*, sight-reading in historical books : *one hour* a week, second term.

(4.) *Arabic Poets and Historians*, using Arnold's *Chrestomathy* : *one hour* a week, second term.

(5.) *Syriac*, using Nestle's *Syriac Grammar* : *one hour* a week, second term.

(6.) *Ethiopic*, principles of grammar and translation in "Liber Baruch" and "Carmina," Dillmann's *Chrestomathia Ethiopica* : *two hours* a week, first term.

(7.) *Comparative Semitic Grammar*, lectures based upon a comparison of the text of Genesis i-iii in Hebrew, Arabic, Aramaic, Syriac, Ethiopic, with references to the corresponding forms in Assyrian : *one hour* a week, both terms.

The Semitic Club of the University holds meetings every other week at which papers upon special topics are read and discussed.